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1. CAPETOWN TALKS --

DURING MAY 11 MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, MEXICO SAID THE COUNCIL SHOULD RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM WESTERN FIVE ON CAPETOWN TALKS, USUN LEARNED. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, INDIAN AMB JAIPAL, WHO WAS CHAIRING MEETING, AGREED TO CONTACT WESTERN FIVE AMBASSADORS. LATER, COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA AHTISAARI CONFIRMED THIS REPORT, SAID HE STRONGLY HOPED THE FIVE WOULD CONSENT TO BRIEF THE COUNCIL, AND SUGGESTED IT BE DONE BY TALKING WITH JAIPAL. HE NOTED THE QUESTION OF THE COUNCIL'S ROLE IS LIKELY TO BE SENSITIVE AND YET IMPORTANT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTABILITY OF ANY SOLUTION FORMULA, AND PERSONALLY HE WONDERED WHETHER FORTHRIGHT WESTERN PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNCIL, IF CONFIDENTIAL

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IT COULD BE ARRANGED, MIGHT BE HELPFUL. WESTERN FIVE MISOFFS AGREED THAT THE NAMIBIA COUNCIL SHOULD BE GIVEN SOME MINIMAL INFORMATION. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 1507)

2. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL SESSION --

UK DEPTY REP MURRAY, WHO IS EXPECTED TO BE TC PRESIDENT, ASKED FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON HOW THE US HOPES THE TC SESSION WILL PROCEED. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE LONG PERIOD (JUNE 6-21) WHICH THE SECRETARIAT ALLOTTED FOR THE SESSION, ASKED IF WE WOULD OBJECT TO A SHORTER SESSION, AND SAID HE WOULD DO WHAT WAS NECESSARY TO CONCLUDE BY JUNE 18. (WE UNDERSTAND THE SOVIETS WANT THE SESSION TO RUN UNTIL JUNE 20 OR 21 IN ORDER TO HAVE THE PRECEDING WEEKEND TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS.) (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 1514)

3. ALLEGATIONS OF CIA OPERATIONS IN MICRONESIA --

THE LETTER FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS TO THE COMMITTEE OF 24 CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS OF CIA OPERATIONS IN MICRONESIA AND EXPRESSING DISAPPROVAL OF US EFFORTS TO "ESTABLISH A NEW COLONIAL TERRITORY IN THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS" HAS BEEN CIRCULATED AS A UN DOCUMENT (A/AC.109/PET1266). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 1499)

4. CARIBBEAN TERRITORIES --

UK MISOFF EXPRESSED VIEW THE BARBADOS WORKING PAPER ON UK CARIBBEAN TERRITORIES AND THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY "SAT ON" FOR THE TIME BEING, BUT DISCUSSION LATER COULD NOT BE PRECLUDED. HE SAID BARBADOS WAS INFORMED OF HMG VIEW THAT THE MATTER WAS SO COMPLEX AND WIDE-RANGING IT SHOULD BE EXAMINED IN CAPITALS BY PEOPLE WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE QUESTION. IF GOB INTENDS TO ACHIEVE THE CREATION OF A SUCCESSOR TO THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT
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BANK FUND, THE EFFORT WILL BE USEFUL; HOWEVER, REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS AND AGREEMENT WITH POTENTIAL DONORS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN UN COMPONENT. UK LEARNED THAT THE WORKING PAPER WAS BEING PUSHED IN NEW YORK BY BARBADIAN PERMREP BLACKMAN AND SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL JORDAN (BARBADOS) WHO WERE OUT AHEAD OF GOB, WHICH HAD NOT DECIDED HOW IT WISHED TO PROCEED. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 1503)

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5. LAW OF THE SEA (LOS) --

THE G-77 CONTACT GROUP (BUREAU) ON LOS COMMITTEE
1 MATTERS HAS SUBMITTED A LIST OF SPECIFIC MATTERS TO BE
TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY WORKING GROUP ON SETTLEMENT OF DIS-
PUTES. LACK OF KEY G-77 LOS EXPERTS HAS HAMPERED SUBSTAN-
TIVE OUTPUT TO DATE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 1510

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6. COMMITTEE ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS --

THE COMMITTEE DECIDED MAY 12 TO SEND COMMUNICA-
TION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WITH THE
OBJECTIVE OF "SETTING A POSITIVE TONE" IN CONNECTION WITH
THE SC'S DEBATE ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION. THE LETTER
WOULD STRESS THE "HIGHLIGHTS AND LEGAL AND MORAL FOUNDA-
TIONS" OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS AS WELL AS THE

GA'S ENDORSEMENT OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH HAD INCLUDED A TIME-TABLE FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES BY JUNE 1, 1977. TUNISIA NOTED THAT THE PLO HAD WISHED THE SC DEBATE TO TAKE PLACE IN MAY UNDER BENIN'S PRESIDENCY. CHAIRMAN FALL (SENEGAL SAID SOME SC MEMBERS WOULD BE IN MAPUTO AND THE ARAB STATES FELT THE RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE HEAD OF STATE OF SAUDI ARABIA AND THE US PRESIDENT COULD BE USEFUL TO THE COMMITTEE'S WORK. FALL DENIED THE RUMOR THAT THE COMMITTEE DID NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 1978 WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, ADDING IT WOULD LIKELY TO PARTICIPATE IF INVITED.

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THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED HE HAD SENT LETTERS DATED APRIL 18 TO THE PERMS REPS OF CANADA, FRANCE, FRG, ISRAEL, UK AND US ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR GOVERNMENTS' OFFICIAL POSITIONS ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION. THUS FAR HE HAD RECEIVED NO RE 0)83 , AND HE INTENDED TO CONTACT THE REPRESENTATIVES DIRECTLY. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO FIND OUT IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE SC TO ADOPT A "MORE CONSTRUCTIVE POSITION" WHEN IT RECOVENES TO CONSIDER THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT. HE ALSO REPORTED HE HAD SPOKEN IN ECOSOC ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, SENT A LETTER TO WHO, AND WOULD SEND A TELEGRAM TO THE UNRWA COMMISSIONER GENERAL. PLO OBSERVER TERZI THANKED HIM FOR CONTACTING WHO AND UNRWA AND REPORTED THAT THE SPECIAL PLO DELEGATION HAD ARRIVED IN GENEVA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WHO MEETING.

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LATER, SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL PROVIDED USUN WITH FIRST DRAFT OF LETTER THE CHAIRMAN IS TO SEND TO THE SC PRESIDENT. IN ONE PARAGRAPH IT STATES THAT THE COMMITTEE IN PREPARING ITS REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS WAS AWARE THAT THEY "COULD ONLY BE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN THE WIDER FRAMEWORK OF AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT."
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7. COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL GA ON DISARMAMENT --

AT MAY 12 MEETING, THE SPECIAL SESSION PREPCOM APPROVED A LIST OF HEADINGS PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARIAT FOR A THEMATIC COMPILATION OF GOVERNMENT VIEWS AS SET OUT IN RESPONSES TO THE SYG. THE HEADINGS ARE: (A)

GENERAL REMARKS, (B) OBJECTIVES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION,
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(C) PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION, (D) AGENDA,
(E) ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE SPECIAL SESSION, (F)
PRINCIPAL DOCUMENT OR DOCUMENTS, (G) ROLE OF THE UN IN
THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT, AND (H) OTHER QUESTIONS.
GARCIA ROBLES (MEXICO) CALLED FOR COMPLETION OF THIS
DOCUMENT IN TIME FOR DISTRIBUTION WEEK OF MAY 16, BUT
SECRETARIAT HAS NOT PLEDGED ANY TARGET DATE. (FOLLOWING
PREPCOM SESSION, INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS CONTINUED WITHIN
AND BETWEEN DIFFERENT GROUPS CONCERNING THE AGENDA, BUT
NO SIGNIFICANT NEW DEVELOPMENTS ARE EXPECTED PENDING A
NONALIGNED MEETING MAY 13.) GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS
WERE MADE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF AUSTRIA, SPAIN, HUNGARY
AND COLOMBIA, AND FINNISH OBSERVER.

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AUSTRIA SUPPORTED THE DRAFT AGENDA SUBMITTED MAY 10 BY SRI LANKA ON BEHALF OF NONALIGNED, AND SPAIN REGARDED IT AS GOOD BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. AUSTRIAN REPRESENTATIVE SAID A SEARCH FOR NEW AND MORE APPROPRIATE APPROACHES TO DISARMAMENT WAS NEEDED, NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT WAS MOST URGENT, THE SPECIAL GA SHOULD ELABORATE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION OF THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AND SHOULD PROVIDE FOR STRENGTHENING IAEA'S RESOURCES. THERE MUST BE A THOROUGH EXAMINATION OF THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REASONS UNDERLYING THE INCREASING PRODUCTION OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, AND THE QUESTION OF TOTAL DEMILITARIZATION OF OUTER SPACE SHOULD BE INCORPORATED IN FUTURE INTERNATIONAL TREATIES. SPAIN CAUTIONED AGAINST A REPETITION OF THE YEARLY WORK OF GA COMMITTEE 1, SAID THE SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD CONSIDER THOSE ELEMENTS WHICH COULD CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER CLIMATE OF CONFIDENCE, THOUGHT THE CCD DID NOT SUFFICIENTLY REFLECT THE VIEW-POINTS OF ALL UN MEMBERS, AND ADDED THE POSSIBILITY OF CONVENING A FURTHER SPECIAL GA ON DISARMAMENT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

FINLAND SAID THE ORGANIC LINK BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND SECURITY AND THE NECESSITY OF DISARMAMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE THE TWO PRINCIPLES OF ALL DISARMAMENT EFFORTS, SUPPORTED THE SWEDISH PROPOSAL FOR A STUDY ON THE INTER-RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS, AND SAW AMPLE REASON TO CONVENE A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. THE RELATIVELY SLOW PROGRESS IN DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE INHERENT COMPLEXITY OF THE PROBLEM; HOWEVER, IMPROVEMENTS COULD BE MADE IN

THE MECHANISMS AND PROCEDURES SO AS TO STRENGTHEN THE UN ROLE.

HUNGARY SUGGESTED THAT THE BASIC DOCUMENT OF THE SPECIAL
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SESSION TAKE INTO ACCOUNT EACH COUNTRY'S SECURITY, INTERESTS,
WORK AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY NATION ACQUIRING UNILATERAL
MILITARY ADVANTAGES, AND PROMOTE THE NEED FOR UNIVERSALITY IN
DISARMAMENT. HUNGARY ALSO CALLED FOR INCLUDING MORE SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES IN THE PREPCOM.

COLOMBIA BELIEVED THE SPECIAL SESSION'S ATTENTION
SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON A PROGRAM OF ACTION. IN 1975, \$500
MILLION HAD BEEN SPENT ON ARMS IN LATIN AMERICA, WHERE BROAD
MASSES OF THE PEOPLE WERE STARVING, AND THE SESSION MUST
DEVOTE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE ARMS TRADE AND THE COMMITTEE
MUST WORK OUT RECOMMENDATIONS ON THAT SUBJECT.

8. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL --

MAY 12, ECOSOC COMPLETED ELECTIONS TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION BY ELECTING IVORY COAST (33 VOTES) ON THE FIRST
BALLOT, SENEGAL (33) ON THE SECOND, AND EGYPT ON THE
THIRD IN A VOTE THEN RESTRICTED TO EGYPT AND MOROCCO,
WITH THE FORMER RECEIVING 28 VOTES AND THE LATTER 17.
BEFORE THE VOTE, THE BURUNDI REPRESENTATIVE POINTED OUT
AFRICAN GROUP HAD ENDORSED THE CANDIDACIES OF ETHIOPIA, IVORY
COAST AND BURUNDI, AND HE APPEALED TO EGYPT AND MOROCCU TO
WITHDRAW THEIR CANDIDACIES, FOLLOWING OTHER INTERVENTIONS,
SIERRA LEONE, SPEAKING AS MAY AFRICAN GROUP CHAIRMAN,
APPEALED TO THE COUNCIL AND ALL REGIONAL GROUPS TO
RESPECT THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE AFRICAN GROUP.

THE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE PROGRAM OF THE DECADE FOR
ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION WAS
ADOPTED 47-0-5 (FRANCE, FRG, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, UK, WITH
US NOT PARTICIPATING AND COLOMBIA ABSENT. THE DRAFT ON THE
WORLD CONFERENCE WAS ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS. USDEL'S EXPLANATION
FOR NOT PARTICIPATING PROVOKED SHARP NIGERIAN REPLY. (USUN
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IN THE AFTERNOON MAY 11, ECOSOC ELECTED 15 STATES TO THE
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COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS. THE SOVIETS CHALLENGED CHILE'S
CANDIDACY (BRAZIL, CHILE, MEXICO AND PANAMA WERE LA-
ENDORSED CANDIDATES FOR FOUR LA SEATS), AND AFTER

CONTENTIOUS DISCUSSION, PRESIDENT SMID (CZECHOSLOVAKIA)
PROPOSED SECRET VOTING ON ALL CANDIDATES IN SINGLE VOTE, STATING
THERE WAS NO FIXED DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS BY REGION ON THE
COMMISSION. THIS WAS ENDORSED BY CUBA, POLAND AND UKRAINE, AND
OPPOSED BY BRAZIL, NIGERIA, BOLIVIA AND ECUADOR. PERU
QUESTIONED THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION,
WHILE MEXICO NOTED THAT THE REGIONAL GROUPS HAD NOT HAD
PROBLEMS IN SELECTING CANDIDATES BUT THAT THE PROBLEM LAY
OUTSIDE THOSE GROUPS. IN SECRET BALLOT, THE FOLLOWING
WERE ELECTED: ALGERIA (50 VOTES); AUSTRALIA (34),
BELGIUM (44), BRAZIL (46), GDR (38), INDONESIA (46),
IRAN (49), JAPAN 48), MEXICO (52), PANAM (48), TOGO
(44), TUNISIA (43), TURKEY (50), USSR (40), AND UK (46).
OTHER VOTES CAST WERE FOR CHILE (25), AND AUSTRIA,
JAMAICA, POLAND AND YUGOSLAVIA (ONE EACH).

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AS IN THE CASE OF THE NARCOTIC DRUGS COMMISSION,
THE SOVIETS OBJECTED TO CHILD'S CANDIDACY FOR
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNICEF. THE PRESIDENT AGAIN
PROPOSED A SECRET BALLOT, AND WAS SUPPORTED BY POLAND
AND CUBA, THE LATTER INVOKING RULE 68. BRAZIL AND NIGERIA
OPPOSED A SECRET BALLOT AND THEY AND ARGENTINA URGED
APPROVAL OF THE SLATES ENDORSED BY REGIONAL GROUPS.
THOSE ELECTED TO THE UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD WERE:
AFGHANISTAN (41), BARBADOS (51), CANADA (50), CHILE (32),
FRG (46), JORDAN (42), NORWAY (53), PAKISTAN (47),
YUGOSLAVIA (45) AND ZAMBIA (53).

BENIN WAS ELECTED AS AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF THE
COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL, AND 12 SEATS REMAIN
TO BE FILLED. THE FOLLOWING WERE ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION
TO THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL: IVORY COAST, KENYA,
SENEGAL, ARGENTINA, ECUADOR, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO,
CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND POLAND. ASIAN GROUP AND WEO CANDIDATES WERE
ELECTED BY SECRET BALLOT: INDONESIA (42), JORDAN (40),
DEMOCRATIC YEMEN (37), FINLAND (46), SPAIN (45),
NETHERLANDS (43), SWITZERLAND (41) AND FRG (40).
NOT ELECTED WERE FIJI (34) AND TURKEY (32).

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